



Docket No.: 1594.1306

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Chul KIM et al.

Serial No. 10/725,581

Group Art Unit: 3742

Confirmation No. 3457

Filed: December 3, 2003

Examiner: FASTOVSKY, Leonid M.

For: COOKING APPARATUS HAVING A PLURALITY OF COOKING SETS TO COOK
FOODS IN DIFFERENT COOKING MODES

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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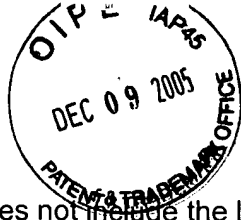
Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in which the Examiner indicated that some of the claims were allowed based on certain features.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

In the "Reasons for Allowance", the Examiner characterizes certain features of identified claims which the Examiner states that the prior art "does not teach or fairly suggest." It is submitted that the Examiner's statement is not an accurate quote with respect to each of the allowed claims. It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance. By way of example and not



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limitation, claim 7 does not include the language "the electric heating plate comprises a power connection unit" referenced in the statement.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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